

USA and Canada Study Guide – Facts About the Countries

Georgia is the state known for growing peanuts.

Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, DC are all part of the megalopolis.

George Washington was the first U.S. President.

The Great Lakes are Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario.

Thomas Jefferson was the main author of the Declaration of Independence.

The Spanish term for "snow covered" is Nevada, so "Sierra Nevada" means "snow-covered mountain range".

In the United States, some people joke that you can almost see Russia from Alaska, but you really cannot.

Less than 1 percent of the United States economy is made up of mining.

Examples of service industries include banking, tourism, and entertainment

In the United States, the movie industry is located mainly in the Los Angeles suburb of Hollywood.

The American Southwest has an arid dry desert climate.

Alaska is the largest state (by area) in the United States.

Puerto Rico is an island territory of the USA located in the Caribbean Sea.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American civil rights leader.

Service industries do not manufacture goods.

James Madison is considered the 'master builder' of the U.S. Constitution.

Acid rain contains high amounts of chemical pollutants.

Most Americans follow the Christian religion, but there are significant numbers of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jews, and other religions in the country.

Traditional Native American art forms include basketry, pottery, wooden masks, and totem poles.

The Grand Canyon is located in Arizona.

The United States leads the world in the value of all its imports and exports.

The United States government is a representative democracy with an elected president.

The population of the United States is about 300 million.

The Midwest is called 'America's breadbasket'.

America's auto industry started in Detroit, Michigan

New York City is an important port in the Northeast region of the United States.

Fishing is a major industry in the Pacific Northwest region.

Houston, Texas is a major business center in the South.

Rice, sugarcane, and citrus fruits are grown in the Southeast region of the United States.

Mt. McKinley is the highest peak in the Alaska Range.

Mauna Kea is located in Hawaii.

Large areas of the Interior West region are used for raising cattle and sheep.

The Atlantic Coastal Plain is the most densely populated region of the United States.

Canada is the country directly north of the United States.

Ottawa is the capital city of Canada.

The vast treeless plains in the far north of Canada are called the tundra.

The body of water to the west of Canada and the United States is the Pacific Ocean.

Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba are the Prairie Provinces of Canada.

According to the *Reading Essentials* selection, Canada is the fifth-largest producer of energy. (*Update: as of 2014, the world's top oil producing countries are: 1.USA, 2.Saudi Arabia, 3.Russia, 4.China, 5.Canada*).

Many citizens of Quebec would like to secede (break away) from Canada to form their own country.

Ontario is the Canadian province with the most people and the greatest wealth.

Most of the wheat grown in Canada is exported to Europe and Asia.

The Inuit were among the first people to inhabit Canada.

Canada's two official languages are French and English.

Canada has a British-style Parliamentary Democracy form of government.

The North American Free Trade Agreement known as NAFTA removed trade barriers between the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

The Rockies are a large mountain range located in the western United States and Canada.

The United States and Canada have the longest undefended border in the world.

Like the United States, Canada has a free market economy.

The major industries in the province of British Columbia are timber and mining.

Canada's largest city is Toronto.